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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING OF NATO-HAWK BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD),
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B. CINCUSNAVEUR 1570 DTG 302016Z OCT 75

BEGIN SUMMARY. NATO-HAWK BOD WILL HOLD SPECIAL MEETING 25-26 NOV 75 TO RESOLVE MATTERS OF CHOICE OF FIRING RANGES FOR NATO IMPROVED HAWK MISSILE FIRINGS AND LOCATION OF THEATER READINESS MONITORING FACILITY (TRMF). ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED US COMPONENT COMMANDERS AND WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO-HAWK BOD MET IN PARIS 15-17 OCT 75 IN REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN RESOLVING TWO KEY ISSUES (REPORTED REF A). THE FIRST OF THESE INVOLVES THE CHOICE BY THE BOD OF WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (WSMR) OR TWO MEDITERRANEAN RANGES (ONE IN FRANCE; ONE IN ITALY) FOR LOT ACCEPTANCE FIRINGS OF LOTS FOLLOWING 1-4 WHICH WILL BE FIRED AT WSMR. THE SECOND INVOLVES THE SITE SELECTION FOR A TRMF IN THE NORTH. THE FRG WANTS IT LOCATED AT TELEFUNKEN IN ULM, AND FRANCE WANTS IT AT SODETEG, IN SALBRIS. (ITALY WILL ALSO HAVE A TRMF IN THE SOUTH ABOUT WHICH THERE IS NO DISPUTE.) THE GENERAL MANAGER (MG COERDT), AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOD (MR. KUHN, FRG) HAS CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOD FOR 25-26NOV 75 TO RESOLVE THESE TWO MATTERS.

2. SELECTION OF A FIRING RANGE.

A. WSMR HAS EXTENDED THE VALIDTY OF ITS FMS CASE OFFER FOR 30 DAYS WHICH WILL PERMIT COMPARISON WITH THE FRENCH/ITALIAN REVISED PROPOSAL IN LATE NOV.

B. THERE IS AT LEAST ONE US CONTRACTOR (TELEDYNE-RYAN) WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING WITH FRANCE AND ITALY TO PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE COMPETITIVE WITH THE WSMR OFFER. THIS WILL REQUIRE A DOWNWARD PRICE REVISION BY THE EUROPEANS OF SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND THIS PROPOSED COST REDUCTION MAY ONLY BE POSSIBLE, IN THEIR VIEW, IF THERE IS SERIOUS INTEREST ON THE PART OF US FORCES TO PARTICIPATE ON A PERIODIC BASIS IN RANGE FIRINGS AT THE RANGES IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (PARA 2, REF A). TELEDYNE-RYAN UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS INFORMED US (SINCE THE LAST BOD MEETING) THAT IN ADDITON TO SOME INTEREST ON THE PART OF CINCUSNAVEUR IN JOINT FIRING EXERCISES, CINCUSAFE MAY ALSO HAVE AN INTERST IN FIRING AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER AT TARGETS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN THE IMPROVED HAWK PROGRAM PRELIMINARY COORDINATION AT STAFF LEVEL BY US MEMBER OF THE BOD (COL. LYNCH) WITH BOTH USNAVEUR AND USAFE CONFIRMS THAT THERE MAY BE POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN JOINT EUROPEAN FIRING RANGE(S) ACTIVITIES IN BOTH CATEGORIES OF MISSILES (SURFACE-TO-AIR AND AIR-TO-AIR). WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SHORT REACTION TIME AVAILABLE BEFORE THE BOD MEETING MAY PRECLUDE ANY COMMITMENT BEYOND A GUARDED (OFFICIAL) STATEMENT OF INTERST FROM THE COMMANDS CONCERNED IN JOINTLY CONDUCTED FIRING EXERCISES WITH THE FRENCH AT CENTRE D'ESSAIS MEDITERANEE

(C.E.M.) ON THE ISLE DE LEVENT (NEAR TOULON) AND WITH THE ITALIANS AT SALTO DI QUIRRA (SOUTHEASTERN SARDINIA). MUCH MORE THAN MILD INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE US FORCES WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR FRANCE AND ITALY TO CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT COST REDUCTIONS IN THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE BOD ON 25-26 NOV. ULTIMATELY THEY WOULD NEED TO KNOW SUCH DETAILS AS TYPES, QUANTITIES, AND LONG TERM AVAILABILITY (TO THEM) OF LAUNCH AND FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE US; POSSIBLY THE AVAILABILITY OF SOME US NAVY SURFACE PATROLS TO ASSIST IN SCREENING THE MISSILE RANGES FROM SOVIET FLEET SURVEILLANCE (A REQUIREMENT FOR IMPROVED HAWK FIRINGS WHICH THE US INSISTS UPON); AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PROBABLE SCHEDULE (FIRING DAYS PER YEAR) WHICH US FORCES MIGHT REQUIRE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RANGES IN QUESTION HAVE ADEQUATE OPTICAL TRACKING EQUIPMENT (KINETHEODOLITES), COMPUTER FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE PROGRAMMED CONTROL OF MULTIPLE MISSILES, AND TYPICAL RANGE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. BASED UPON ALL OF THE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AVAILABLE WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL FOR JOINT FIRING EXERCISES, ALTHOUGH SMALL IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF US/EUROPEAN COOPERATION, COULD BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

C. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE VIEWS OF BOTH CINCUSAFE AND CINCUSNAVEUR ON THIS SUBJECT. WE APPRECIATE EARLIER HELPFUL COMMENTS FROM CINCUSNAVEUR (REF B), BUT ASK ALSO FOR SOME INDICATION OF EQUIPMENT SUPPORT WHICH MIGHT BE EXPECTED FROM NAVY RESOURCES, IF APPROPRIATE. ACTION REQUESTED FROM WASHINGTON: CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE WITH THIS PROPOSED (POSSIBLE) FIRING RANGE COOPERATIVE EFFORT, REQUESTED PREVIOUSLY IN USNATO 5722 (REF A).
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3. TRMF (NORTH). IN OUR VIEW THE US HAS NO DIRECT INTEREST (AND CERTAINLY NO LEVERAGE) IN THE SITE SELECTION FOR THE TRMF (NORTH). THERE ARE SOME OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO BOTH THE US AND NATO-HAWK IN LOCATING THE TRMF AT TELEFUNKEN-ULM WHERE THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR CROSS-SERVICING BY EITHER THE US OR THE EUROPEANS OF IMPROVED HAWK MISSILES AT THE ALTERNATE TRMF IN THE FRG. IN FACT, BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN STARTING WORK ON THE NORTHERN TRMF, NATO-HAWK, BY SEPARATE ACTION, IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM USAREUR IN THIS AREA. IN OUR VIEW, THE FRENCH WILL PROBABLY ESTABLISH LINKAGE BETWEEN SELECTION OF A EUROPEAN (FRENCH) FIRING RANGE (AS OPPOSED TO WSMR), STRONGLY FAVORED BY THE FRG) WITH THE TRMF SITE SELECTION. IF THE BOD WILL AGREE TO THE FRANCO/ITALIAN FIRING RANGE PROPOSAL AND ALSO CONCEDE THAT WERE SOME IRREGULARITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRMF PROPOSAL REQUEST AND SELECTION PROCESS, THE FRENCH WILL PROBABLY CONCEDE THE TRMF TO THE FRG. BOTH THE US BOD MEMBER AND THE NETHERLANDS DIRECTOR (COMMODORE TRAAST) HAVE URGED THE FRG TO DISCUSS THE MATTER BILATERALLY WITH THE FRENCH (GEN. CAUCHIE) IN ADVANCE OF THE BOD SPECIAL MEETING OR THERE WILL BE NO AGREEMENT THERE. AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, HOWEVER, THE FRENCH/ITALIAN RANGE PROPOSAL MUST PROVIDE SUITABLE GUARANTEES AND BE REASONABLY COST COMPETITIVE FOR THE OTHER BOD MEMBERS TO ACCEPT IT. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE

IS REQUIRED.

4. AT REQUEST OF TELEDYNE-RYAN REP (RM. BALLWEG) WE WILL MEET WITH THIS CONTRACTOR ON THURSDAY, 13 NOV, TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THEIR FIRING RANGE PROPOSAL EFFORTS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ITALIAN PARTNER FIRM (AERMACCHI) TELEDYNE EXPECTS TO BE THE PRIMARY US CONTRACTOR INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF BOTH RANGES. FOR TARGETS, TELEDYNE WOULD EXPECT TO PROVIDE TH BQM-34F AND APPARENTLY WOULD EXPECT BEECH AND NORTHRUP TO SUPPLY AQM-37 AND MQM-74 SERIES RESPECTIVELY. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO A SINGLE US CONTRACTOR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION (IF POSSIBLE) OF THIS INFORMATION REGARDING THE US FIRMS.

5. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE BOD SPECIAL MEETING WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSES ON AN INCREMENTAL BASIS IF NECESSARY, BUT FINAL RESPONSES (WITH MOST COMPLETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE) BY COB 21 NOV WASHINGTON TIME.
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